

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

A.B., by and through her next friend  
CASSIE CORDELL TRUEBLOOD, et  
al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

WASHINGTON STATE  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND  
HEALTH SERVICES, et al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. C14-1178 MJP


ORDER RE: FINE  
CALCULATIONS

The Court issues this Order after reviewing the Declaration of Dr. Thomas J. Kinlen —  
March 2024 Data & Contempt Report. (Dkt. No. 1109.) In the Report, Dr. Kinlen identifies a  
total credit of \$347,500 for inpatient and outpatient fines and a total of \$575,250 due to the  
Court’s registry for in-jail evaluation fines. But Dr. Kinlen states: “the Department proposes to  
apply the inpatient credit of \$347,500 against the in-jail fines of \$572,250” and “proposes that  
the total judgment for this period should be in the amount of \$224,750.” (Id. at ¶ 18.)

1 The Court rejects Defendants' request to offset the in-jail fines that are due to the Court's  
2 registry by applying a credit for inpatient/outpatient fines. Since the Court's approval of the  
3 Amended Settlement Agreement, the Court has always treated and accounted for in-jail  
4 evaluation fines separately and distinctly from the inpatient and outpatient fines. That is largely  
5 because in-jail evaluation fines are always reduced to judgment and due into the Court's registry,  
6 while inpatient/outpatient fines are reduced to judgment, but held in abeyance (unless otherwise  
7 ordered). Defendants' proposal would eliminate the distinction between the accounting of these  
8 fines and give them the benefit of any credits from those fines held in abeyance, while avoiding  
9 any burden of paying the remaining fines held in abeyance. Because the Court accounts for these  
10 fines and credits separately and only the in-jail fines are due to the registry each month, the Court  
11 will not offset in-jail fines with any credits from outpatient/inpatient fines, or vice versa. Only if  
12 Defendants no longer wish the Court to hold the inpatient/outpatient fines in abeyance and  
13 instead pay all fines held in abeyance, would the Court consider Defendants' proposal. At  
14 present, the Court will not accede to Defendants' proposal. As will be separately reflected in the  
15 Judgment for February 2024, Defendants must pay the \$575,250 due for in-jail fines, which shall  
16 not be offset by the outpatient/inpatient fine credit of \$347,500.

17 The clerk is ordered to provide copies of this order to all counsel.

18 Dated March 20, 2024.

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20 Marsha J. Pechman  
21 United States Senior District Judge  
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